

CONFERENCE IS IN SESSION

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CLERGYMEN INVADASHLAND.

WELCOMED ON TUESDAY EVENING

The First Business Session of Southern Oregon Conference Held Wednesday Morning With Bishop Cooke Presiding.

The Methodist Episcopal clergymen of Oregon were formally welcomed to the city of Ashland Tuesday evening. The reception, if such it may be termed, was held at the Methodist Episcopal church, and was presided over by Rev. Robert E. Dunlap, district superintendent of this district.

After singing "I Love to Tell the Story," prayer was offered by Rev. C. C. Rarick of Portland.

The choir rendered a beautiful anthem which held the people in rapt attention.

The presiding officer then called upon Mayor R. P. Neil, who in well-chosen words, with many happy allusions, welcomed the guests on behalf of the city.

He was followed by Rev. W. A. Schwinley, pastor of the Ashland Congregational church, who extended a hearty welcome in behalf of the Ministerial Association and the churches of Ashland. R. P. Campbell was then called upon to extend a welcome in behalf of the laity, who did so in his usual happy and effective manner.

The next number on the program was a solo by Miss Gilbert, which was much enjoyed by the audience.

It had not been expected that Bishop Cooke would be able to be present so early in the sessions of the conference and Rev. Benjamin Young had been assigned the task of replying to the addresses of welcome, which he did in a felicitous manner. Fortunately, however, the bishop was able to reach Ashland on Tuesday afternoon, and he followed Rev. Mr. Young. His address was an earnest plea for the work in hand, a eulogy of the past work of the conference and a prophecy for its future success.

The meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. John Flynn of Portland, aged 95, and introduced as the youngest clergyman in Oregon. After the formal session some time was spent in getting acquainted and in renewing old acquaintances, after which the assemblage dispersed.

Wednesday Morning Session.

On Wednesday morning the real business of the conference was taken up after the sacrament of the Lord's Supper had been observed. Bishop Cooke making a brief but earnest talk preceding the ceremony.

After filling various vacancies in committees and making some changes to prevent conflicting duties on the part of committee members, the conference got down to business. One of the first matters before the meeting was a resolution introduced by Rev. Delmar H. Trimble of Centenary church, Portland, endorsing Governor West's anti-vice campaign. It was unanimously passed.

The rest of the forenoon session was devoted to hearing the reports of the various district superintendents, all of which were very encouraging and showed good, substantial growth during the past year.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The main event in the afternoon was a statistical session which was held in the Methodist church, commencing at 1:30, with Dr. Young of Portland in the chair. The board of stewards and the conference board held meetings at the Presbyterian church and Bishop Cooke met with the district superintendents at the home of A. W. Silsby on North Main street.

At the meeting of the board of stewards Rev. T. H. Jones, who has been for nearly if not quite 20 years at the head of the board, and in charge of the distribution of the conference funds, retired, and is succeeded by Rev. D. H. Leach of Albany.

At 4 p. m. an evangelistic service was held under the direction of Rev. C. M. Van Marter, the conference evangelist. The sermon was preached by C. C. Rarick of Portland.

Wednesday Evening.

At the Wednesday evening session the first work taken up was the Sunday school question. Rev. J. K. Hawkins presiding. The principal address was by M. J. Trenary of Chicago, of the Sunday school board.

Next came the matter of the board conference claimants, D. A. Waters presiding. The address on this subject was by Rev. G. F. Hopkins. A pleasant feature of this session was a duet rendered by Mrs. Poor and Mrs. Wolf.

Thursday Forenoon.

The report of Rev. James Moore of the Salem district, which was crowded over Wednesday morning, was taken up immediately after devotional services. Like the other districts, this showed a substantial gain for the year.

The list of special appointments was called and the character of the ministers passed.

The report of Rev. Van Marter, conference evangelist, was read. Mr. Hughes, editor of the Pacific Advocate, addressed the conference.

CRIMINAL DOCKET CLEANED.

Moe Gets One to Seven Years—Dunlap Three Months.

The criminal docket of the present term of the circuit court closed Monday with the sentencing of six convicted prisoners to terms in the county jail and state prison. Sixteen indictments were returned by the grand jury. In twelve of these verdicts of guilty were returned, one was acquitted and a hung jury resulted in the other, because of the complexity of the testimony of Chinese. Two indictments were dismissed. All of the cases were conducted by Prosecuting Attorney Mulkey, and the record is the most complete in the criminal annals of Jackson county.

Five were sentenced Monday as follows: M. W. Dunlap and Peter Loubus, charged with petty larceny, three months in the county jail, and Richard Moe, D. Monk and E. Van Sycle, one to seven years in the state prison at Salem.

No trace has been found of E. C. Montgomery, charged with the non-support of his wife, and who jumped \$500 bonds. The two bondsmen and the authorities are now making an effort to find Montgomery, who was last heard of in Conrad, Idaho. If he is apprehended he will be brought back for trial at the next term of court.

GROW PEANUTS IN VALLEY.

Gold Hill Man Demonstrates Possibilities in That Line.

An experiment in peanut growing attempted the present season by Charles Erlwein, of Gold Hill has resulted so successfully that he will plant an extensive patch next year to demonstrate yet another possibility of the Rogue River valley. Mr. Erlwein cultivated a single row of the goobers this season and the plants have done remarkably well, bearing heavily and producing peanuts of large size and excellent quality. The peanut is a legume, the foliage closely resembling clover or alfalfa, and bearing a small orange colored bloom. Each blossom, as it matures and falls, sends earthward a single sprout which enters the soil and forms a bulb that in due course of time becomes a peanut—holiday food for elephants or folks. Mr. Erlwein and his neighbor, George Holcomb, who has also grown a small patch, believe that they have proven the adaptability of the crop to this locality, and propose to at least supply Gold Hill with its holiday quota of "fresh roasted" next season.

JOLLY TARS.

Big Bunch of Sailors Passed Through City Monday.

Over 200 sailor lads passed through Ashland Monday afternoon in a special train en route from the naval training station at Goat Island to the navy yard at Bremerton, Wash., where they go to join what is known as the reserve fleet of cruisers. These cruisers have been held in reserve and are being put in full commission. Of the 215 men composing the detachment there were 37 who were coal passers, their line of promotion being in the engineering force. The rest were apprentice seamen, and will belong to the deck force of the vessels to which they may be attached. They were in charge of Chief Master of Arms J. A. Malone, one of the instructors in the training school. The party left Oakland Mole at 7:15 p. m. Sunday and were due in Seattle at 3 p. m. Tuesday, where a naval tug would meet them and take them to the navy yard.

FOUND NEAR DEATH.

Siskiyon Farmer Injured in Runaway Accident.

Yreka, Cal.—Arthur O'Neil, a wealthy rancher near Hornbrook, was found Saturday in a dying condition at the foot of Bailey hill, by two telephone linemen, suffering from injuries secured in a runaway, the details of which no one knows. The linemen immediately summoned aid by wire and doctors were rushed to the scene. His mother collapsed on hearing of the accident and was given a doctor's attention. Bailey hill is a bad place for accidents. There is a railroad crossing at its foot and it is impossible to see the crossing until almost on it. A year ago two men were killed by an engine at nearly the same place. It is supposed O'Neil's team became frightened by a train coming quickly around the curve.

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Rev. C. H. Bryant was transferred from the South Dakota conference and Rev. T. B. Ford from the Columbia River conference to this conference.

Rev. Trenary of the Sunday school board addressed the conference regarding work along those lines. The board of examiners reported. Rev. Mr. Bishop, Rev. Mr. Luther and Rev. Mr. Yearns passed and advanced in the work of the first year. In the class of the third year Rev. E. M. Smith was advanced. In the fourth year Rev. Mr. McCain was also passed. Rev. Fred M. Welty was elected an elder and Rev. James, Rev. Moore and Rev. Hites were continued in the studies in the third year.

ASHLAND ARMORY NOW SURE COUNCIL APPROPRIATES \$3,000

MUCH ROUTINE BUSINESS ATTENDED TO IN ADDITION TO VOTING ARMORY APPROPRIATION WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—SEWER BONDS SOLD TO TOLEDO, OHIO, PARTIES

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening and on account of the mayor being one of the speakers at the reception to the Methodist Episcopal conference an adjournment was taken until 1:30 Wednesday afternoon.

On Wednesday afternoon the council met pursuant to adjournment, all members being present except Councilman Sanderson.

The report of the city recorder for the month of July, as approved by the finance committee, was read and accepted and ordered placed on file.

A report of the superintendent of waterworks, showing the cost of the destruction of the bodies of 13 cattle belonging to Mr. Kleinhammer to have been \$33.13, was read and the recorder was instructed to try to recover that amount from Mr. Kleinhammer. This matter grew out of the death of the cattle from eating poison larkspur where their bodies would cause the pollution of the waters of Ashland creek, the city's source of water supply.

A request was made by the superintendent of construction of the electric light department for the payment of the rental of a telephone at his residence. After deliberation the council decided that the "trouble shooter" was the man who would be most needed in an emergency and the phone was ordered installed at the home of A. L. Strickland. The Tidings was requested to call special attention to the fact that he was the person to be called upon in case of any wire trouble.

The council awarded the sale of improvement bonds Nos. 738 to 744, inclusive, to Terry, Briggs & Slayton of Toledo, Ohio, at par and accrued interest to date of delivery.

A petition for a water main on Mountain avenue, between East Main street and the railroad crossing, was referred to the fire and water committee.

Petitions for permission to erect barns were presented from A. C. Edwards on Oak street and Mrs. E. J. Roberts on Liberty street were presented and referred to the sanitary committee with power to authorize permits.

A remonstrance from property owners on Palm avenue against the construction of curbs and gutters on that street was presented, and as it was signed by a large majority of

the property owners on the street, it was allowed.

The matter of appropriating \$3,000 additional toward the cost of the proposed state armory was taken up, a petition signed by about 400 voters of the city being presented.

L. L. Mullt presented the petition to the council, speaking briefly of the situation and stating that if the additional amount were not appropriated, the state being willing also to appropriate \$5,000 out of the additional \$6,000 needed to erect the building according to the plans of the state architect, that it would be necessary to cut out the stage and other features which would vitally impair the value of the building to the people of Ashland. He stated that the party who took out the first copy of the petition, in visiting 100 business men, numbering many of the heaviest taxpayers of the city, met with only one refusal, and that the other canvassers found an equally unanimous response. Mr. Mullt also presented to the council a telegram just received from Adjutant General Finzer, in reply to one sent by Mr. Mullt to the state architect. It had been rumored upon the street that the work on the armory would not be commenced this year, even if the city made the appropriation. The telegram stated that the contract would be let as soon as the council acted, and construction commenced at once.

Upon a motion to appropriate the above amount, Councilman Cunningham stated that he did not feel like throwing cold water on the scheme, but that the question came up in such a way that he could not ignore it. That a local contractor, who was the lowest bidder, had told him that he did not expect, when he submitted the bid, to get the contract, thus giving Mr. Cunningham to understand that he expected there would be lower bids.

Councilman Butler stated that the three lowest bids were within a range of only \$200, and that the high bid was \$48,000. As to the legality of the action of the city council, he had taken the matter up carefully and was informed that it was strictly legal.

Mayor Neil stated that he had taken the question of legality up and

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ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED.

Josephine and Jackson Teachers to Be Here Next Week.

The following letter has been sent out jointly by the county superintendents of schools of Jackson and Josephine counties regarding the annual institute to be held in Ashland September 25, 26 and 27.

September 12, 1912.

To Teachers of Jackson and Josephine Counties:

The annual Teachers' Institute for Jackson and Josephine counties will be held at the high school building in Ashland commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, September 25, 1912, and continuing for three days.

It is illegal for any public school in either of the two counties to be in session during the progress of the institute, and all teachers in the public schools and those intending to teach are required by law to attend.

Any teacher who closes school for not more than three days for the purpose of attending this institute shall not forfeit his or her salary as teacher for such time. For each teacher whose attendance aggregates at least 16 hours, the district in which such teacher is employed, or shall be employed during the current school year, shall be reimbursed in the sum of \$5 at the time of the next annual apportionment of county school funds.

Railroad rates of one and one-third fare for the round trip have been secured. You will pay full fare to Ashland, taking a receipt therefor from the agent who sells you your ticket. This receipt will be countersigned by the secretary of the institute, and you will be allowed to purchase your return ticket for one-third the usual rate.

A reception committee of Ashland teachers has been appointed, the members of which will advise you relative to securing board and rooms. This committee will have headquarters at the high school building and members will meet all incoming trains. If you wish to arrange for rooms and board in advance, write to Mr. G. W. Milam, chairman reception committee, Ashland, Ore.

Some of the best institute instructors and lecturers in the country have been secured, including Dr. A. N. Winslow of Boston, superintendent of public instruction; L. R. Alderman of Salem; J. H. Ackerman, president of the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth, and other noted instructors of the state. We believe this will be the best institute ever held in southern Oregon.

Yours very truly,
J. PERCY WELLS,
Supt. Jackson County,
LINCOLN SAVAGE,
Supt. Josephine County.

Notice to Teachers.

Headquarters for teachers during the institute to be held at Ashland September 25 to 27 will be at the Hotel Oregon. Other hotels expecting to accommodate teachers are the Columbia and East Side Inn. Prices at these hotels will be \$1 per room, two teachers in a room. Meals will be served at from 25 cents to 50 cents.

It will be well for teachers to make arrangements for hotel accommodations before arriving in Ashland, because the hotels will doubtless be crowded on account of the District Fair.

Arrangements are being made to place teachers in homes at 50 cents per bed and \$1 per day for board. A committee of Ashland teachers will meet incoming trains on Tuesday evening, conducting those coming to boarding places. Those arriving Wednesday morning, not having accommodations, will go to the high school building on Iowa street, and there report to the entertainment committee, who will provide them with accommodations.

COMMITTEE.

WANT CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

Petition for Change in Time of Motor Being Circulated.

For a slight change in running time of the motor service, petitions are being circulated asking the Southern Pacific to have the morning car arrive a trifle earlier, in order that there may be a longer interval between arrival and departure, an item which means considerable to those who wish to make hurried trips to this city from the surrounding territory accessible by the motor service. The petition is as follows, and is being numerously signed:

"To the Southern Pacific Company: We, the undersigned, residents of and near Ashland, respectfully ask that the time of arrival at Ashland of the motor car between Grants Pass and this city be changed from 9:40 a. m. to 9:20 a. m., in order that the interval between arrival and departure may be extended to at least half an hour instead of the brief stop of ten minutes as at present, thus accommodating many patrons. Other schedules of the motor service to remain as heretofore."

Young People Under 18.

We wish you would bring all your hand sewing, embroidery, etc., also fruit and jelly, if only one jar each. Also bring vegetables and flowers not mentioned in the premium list. We wish to make the finest display in the gallery by itself. The committee has a little extra money that will be given on things not mentioned in the premium list.

MRS. G. C. GARD.

Please phone your news items to the Tidings, No. 33.

MOOSE TICKET IS NAMED

PROGRESS PARTY NAMES STATE CANDIDATES.

CLARK FOR U. S. SENATOR

Party in Assembly at Salem Made Nomination of Full State Ticket to Be Voted for in Oregon at the Coming Election.

Salem, Sept. 17.—The progressive party of Oregon today made nominations for presidential electors, United States senator and congressmen, and adopted a resolution to place a complete ticket in the field and adopted a platform.

A. E. Clark, a young Portland lawyer, was given the nomination for United States senator, defeating former Senator Mulkey, who was an avowed candidate, and Senator Bourne, who was not a candidate. The feature of the senatorial nomination was a bitter attack on Bourne by old political enemies who questioned his progressiveness. At the time he was nominated Clark was presiding over the convention.

The convention passed a resolution that no one be nominated who did not declare his allegiance to the progressive party. This was forced over the objections of those who wished no other ticket than one for the presidential electors and who believed that the regular republican nominee should not generally be embarrassed. A majority of the delegates supported the contention of several speakers, who declared that to permit republican nominees to be unopposed by progressive candidates was equivalent to fusion with the republicans and voted for the allegiance resolution.

The regular republican candidates for congressmen in the second and third districts were considered progressive, and no nominations were therefore made against them. Presidential electors—D. J. Kellner of Portland, W. K. Newell of Gaston, A. K. Ware of Medford, Levi W. Myers of Portland and L. H. McMahon of Salem.

United States senator—A. E. Clark of Portland. The vote on senator stood: Clark 51, Bourne 39, Mulkey 39.

Congressmen—First district, John W. Campbell of Douglas county; second district, none; third district, none.

Secretary of state—B. E. Kennedy. Supreme judge—Geo. W. Joseph of Portland.

Railroad Commissioner—Robert Service of Baker county. John Nickle, republican candidate for state dairy and food commissioner, received the progressive nomination.

The platform adopted was the "confession of faith" in its entirety and was not read before adoption.

MRS. LOUNSBERRY BACK.

Effects of Recent Trial Tell on the Mate of Train Robber.

Speculations as to the continued absence of Mrs. Wells Lounsberry ceased Monday when she returned to her home at Central Point. The wife of the Rogue River valley train robber had been over a week on the way here from Topeka, and neighbors had driven to town to meet every train for several days, thinking each day that she was to arrive. The delay is explained by the fact that she stopped over in Montana to visit relatives.

Mrs. Lounsberry plainly showed the effects of her recent trials and has not been bothered by newspaper interviews. Her two children are ignorant of the crimes laid at the door of the father and believe that he is merely ill and will soon return. As to future plans, Mrs. Lounsberry is not decided, but she has told neighbors that she will remain at the farm for some time. Neighbors have been caring for the chickens and stock.

Metropolitan Concert Entertainers.

The concert given at Elks Temple last evening by the Metropolitan Concert Entertainers was one of the best entertainments given in Ashland for some time. From the rendition of the aria from "Spring Maid," with which the program opened, to the encore following the rendition of "Ave Maria," the closing number, the closest attention of the audience was held. Ingrid Wicks is certainly one of the rising violinists of the day and received encores for every number. Miss Grace Rossaen is a dramatic reader of unusual range of talent, rendering comic, dialect and tragic selections with equally good effect. Miss Hazel Folsom, the lyric soprano, fully demonstrated her ability to render classic and operatic music in an artistic manner, yet had the good judgment to intersperse them with the old-time ballads and child songs which won the hearts of her hearers. Miss Anna MacLafferty proved a most excellent accompanist as well as a pianist of merit in solo work.

Hats! Hats! Hats!

Saturday, 21st. Madame Dilban. Great display. Last but not least.

Madame Dilban has doubled her embroidery stock this week. New things. New prices.

OREGON STATE BOARD HEARS WATER CONTESTS

The Oregon State Water Commission in Ashland Hearing Contests Over Water Rights in This Section of the County

The Oregon state water commission has been in Ashland this week and will be here a portion of next, hearing contests over the right to the use of the water of the various streams in this part of the county for irrigation purposes. The following is the scheduled dates of the various hearings, with the names of the attorneys representing the contestants:

Ashland Creek, Monday, Sept. 16.

L. W. Rogers et al. against G. F. Billings et al. C. E. English, W. J. Moore.

O. O. Helman against G. F. Billings et al. G. C. McAllister, W. J. Moore.

City of Ashland against G. F. Billings et al. W. J. Moore.

Cove Creek, Wednesday, Sept. 18.

A. W. Silsby against J. J. Murphy, W. J. Moore, A. E. Reames.

Wright and Wildcat Creeks, Friday, Sept. 20.

G. F. Billings against Eric Weren—Wright creek. W. J. Moore.

G. F. Billings against Eugenia F. Jackson—Wildcat creek. W. J. Moore, E. D. Briggs.

Bear Creek, Monday, Sept. 24.

City of Ashland against Maximilian and Mary Jacker, Robert Casey, Martha Carter, J. R. G. Haynes, George Irwin, W. A. Cordell, Chester Tuttle, William Northridge, O. O. Helman, Emma E. Thornton, Henry Haynes, R. D. Sanford, W. G. Hake, Julia McQuilken. Attorneys, W. J. Moore, G. C. McAllister.

City of Ashland against Louie Culver, Carolina Furry, J. M. Rader. Attorneys, W. J. Moore, A. E. Reames.

City of Ashland against F. E. Furry, A. J. Weeks. Attorneys, W. J. Moore, Gus Newberry.

C. E. Owen against F. E. Furry et al. A. E. Reames, Gus Newberry.

C. E. Owen et al. against John Arnold, A. E. Reames, E. D. Briggs, J. J. Murphy against John Arnold, A. E. Reames, E. D. Briggs.

W. R. Kincaid against F. E. Furry et al. A. E. Reames, Gus Newberry.

W. R. Kincaid against John Arnold, A. E. Reames, E. D. Briggs.

City of Ashland against Eugenia F. Jackson, C. B. Lamkin, Helman estate, W. J. Moore, E. D. Briggs.

City of Ashland against Joseph T. Million and Kizzie Million, W. J. Moore, C. B. Watson.

F. E. Furry et al. against J. M. Rader, Gus Newberry.

F. E. Furry et al. against John Arnold et al. A. E. Reames, Gus Newberry.

R. C. Avent against John Arant, A. E. Reames.

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Neil Creek, Monday, Sept. 23.

C. E. Owen against G. W. Dunn et al. A. E. Reames, Gus Newberry.

W. R. Kincaid against G. W. Dunn et al. A. E. Reames, Gus Newberry.

A. D. Helms against James Barrett et al. G. W. Trefren, Gus Newberry.

Ella Fenton et al. against G. W. Dunn et al. G. W. Trefren, A. E. Reames.

G. W. Dunn et al. against A. D. Helms, Gus Newberry, G. W. Trefren.

G. W. Dunn against John Arnold, A. E. Reames, E. D. Briggs.

R. C. Avent against G. W. Dunn, A. E. Reames, Gus Newberry.

Superintendents Assigned.

In the ladies' department of fair exhibits Mrs. C. H. Vaupel is to have charge of Division F, scheduled on pages 19-21 inclusive of the premium list. Mrs. O. J. Stone will have supervision of Division P, pages 22 and 23 of the list. Intending exhibitors will please notice these assignments and plan accordingly regarding all arrangements for displays under these several classifications.

Free Lecture on Christian Science.

You are especially invited to attend the free lecture on Christian Science at the Elks Temple Friday evening, September 20, and learn something of the beliefs of this growing sect. Frank J. Leonard, the lecturer, is an eloquent and convincing speaker.

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